

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 20-22 and 26-28 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,026, over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,720,354 and over claims 20-22 and 26-28 of co-pending Application Serial No. 10/042,043.

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Final Office Action dated August 5, 2004. In response thereto, a terminal disclaimer is hereby submitted to obviate the judicially created obviousness type provisional double patenting rejections of claims 20-22 and 26-28 as noted above.

Claims 20-22 and 26-28 are pending in the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims distinguish over all references cited by the Examiner by the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer and respectfully requests that all rejections be withdrawn. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this communication. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account. No. 04-1420.

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